

CHAPTER 1046

STATE LANDS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM — LIABILITY

H.F. 2397

AN ACT concerning liability protection for volunteers on state lands.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. **461A.81 State lands volunteer program — liability.**

The department shall establish a state lands volunteer program to authorize nonprofit organizations, and individuals providing services on behalf of the nonprofit organizations, to provide, at no compensation, volunteer services for the benefit of state parks and recreation areas, state game and forest areas, or other lands under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources. The department shall adopt rules governing the administration of the program to include eligibility requirements for nonprofit organizations participating in the program and provisions governing approved volunteer duties or services. Nonprofit organizations, and individuals providing services on behalf of nonprofit organizations, authorized to provide volunteer services for no compensation by the department pursuant to this section shall be considered state volunteers and afforded the same protections as provided in section 669.24 while performing approved volunteer duties or services on state lands, as described in this section, as a volunteer.

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